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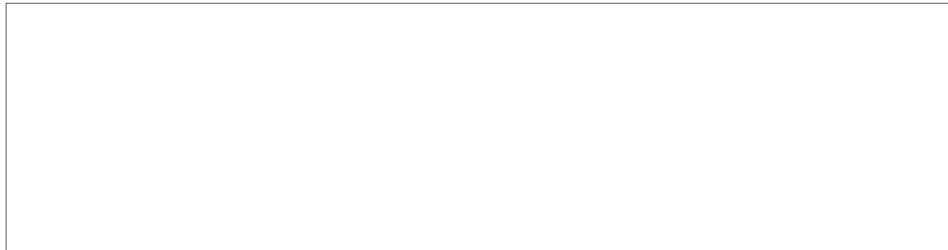
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I. Viet Minh pressure on French defense line increasing as elements of battle corps close in on shrinking perimeter.

A. Troops of the 304th Division, plus lesser elements, are harassing Hung Yen sector, on southern edge of defense line.

B. Elements of the 308th Division during past few days have made probing attacks in Luc Nam area, on northern edge.



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II. [redacted] possible enemy move to cut delta in two, thus isolating Hanoi and hastening its fall.

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A. A large-scale attack, with Luc Nam and Hung Yen as jumping-off points, would probably be accompanied by move of 312th Division against northwestern perimeter, with Hanoi as objective.

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1. 312th Division has been probing Vinh

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III. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently attempting strengthen its bargaining position in Annam.

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IV. Continuing heavy flow of Chinese aid to Viet Minh

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